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THE STORY REALLY AMUSED GOV. GARDNER

That He and Champ Clark Had Held a Meeting and Parcelled Out the Goods

And Whereby Missouri's Favorite Son Clark Was to Take Charge of the Senatorial Toga

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 19.—(Special Correspondence.)—On his return to the state capital after a week of campaigning in the Third Congressional District in behalf of Congressman-elect Milligan, Governor F. D. Gardner was highly amused over a story in the St. Louis Star, copies of which publication reached here Tuesday, giving minute details of an important conference held in a Kansas City hotel last Saturday night between the Governor and Congressman Champ Clark, and an agreement between the two that Clark should seek the Democratic nomination for United States Senator this year and receive the Governor's support.

Further details of this sensational political story, which seems to be based wholly on the fact that Gov. Gardner and Champ Clark met in Kansas City and exchanged greetings, are that it was asserted that an agreement had been reached that two years hence the Governor is to make the race on the Democratic ticket in place of Senator James A. Reed and will then receive the support of Clark. W. T. Kemper of Kansas City was mentioned as being present, and it was said that the conference took place in Clark's room in the Muehlebach Hotel.

No Conference Occurred
"I was not in Mr. Clark's room," said the Governor, "but it is true that I met him in Kansas City and talked with him just as I did with many other men I met there."
"Now, once for all," continued the Governor, "I will say that I have made no announcement concerning the United States Senatorship to any living person, so far as I have been individually connected with many rumors concerning the Democratic nomination for this office. I have allowed the newspaper and the politicians to talk all they pleased. I do not at this time intend to deny or affirm any of the public rumors concerning my own political future hopes, if in fact, I have any."

"I now think that presently I will make some sort of an announcement, but not at this time. When I do make a statement it will be given out from my office here in Jefferson City."

Crosley Announces for Governor
From St. Louis came the information this afternoon that Lieutenant-Governor Wallace Crosley has formally announced for the Democratic nomination for governor. His official entry into the contest against former State Senator Frank Parris of Phelps county, who is the only democrat who has so far legally filed for the place, it is said will be made Saturday or Monday.

Crosley entered the tourney after a lengthy statement to the press denying and to disprove a published story that he was out of the race for the Democratic nomination for governor. He says he will announce himself presently, and that he will stay in the race to the finish. The lieutenant governor is somewhat aggrieved over a statement published in the St. Louis Star last week to the effect that no one was supporting him and there was no use in him trying to make people believe that he was a real candidate. No one paid any attention to this story.

"I fully intend to make the race," says the Lieutenant Governor, "and in due time will file for the nomination. It is a long, hard road to the primaries and I have not cared to make it harder or more expensive than was necessary."

Atkinson Will be There
Former Assistant Attorney General John M. Atkinson will shy his lid into the gubernatorial derby and announce his doctrines and policies before March 1, his friends asserted today.

Internal Revenue Collector George H. Moore, who in being groomed throughout east Missouri for the same honor, will make a public announcement on his plans in ample time for his supporters to take Joplin by storm when the Democratic

convention opens there April 22, and swell the enthusiasm and din with: "We want more for Moore."

A. T. EDMONSTON.
A GRANITE TABLET
Was Unveiled at Central High School Wednesday, to Commemorate Those Who Died.

A beautiful memorial tablet of granite was unveiled at the Central High school Wednesday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies, to commemorate the thirteen former High School students who gave their lives in the World War. Ralph B. Innis, a former student who served as an officer in France made the dedicatory address. Four hundred and eighty four students purchased the tablet. Vernon Schopp, Frances Reed and Miss Mary Compton were in charge of the exercises.

The musical part of the program was especially pleasing. A medley of American airs, played by the Central orchestra, under the direction of W. C. Maupin, was followed by the singing of "America, the Beautiful," by a chorus of thirteen girls. The members of the chorus were: Josephine Kennedy, Frances Byarley, Ada Neudorff, Genevieve Proud, Eleanor Fennel, Velma Wyatt, Dorothy Ott, Mary Ann McDonald, Ray Hunt, Mae Abbott Winfree Dunn, Julia Gray and Lucile Kratzinger. Velma Ritter recited the poem, "In Flanders Field," and Margaret Leimbach and Elsie Fischer mid-winter graduates of Central this year, sang "Lead, Kindly Light." The dedicatory address was followed by the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner," led by Miss Sarah K. White, and at the conclusion Ralph Bradley, a cornetist in the Central orchestra played "Taps." Principal John W. Thalmann made a short talk.

The former students in whose honor the service was held, and whose names are engraved on the tablet, are:

Killed in action—Donald Duncan, Malcolm MacDonald, Walter Finger, Frank Rupert and Ralph Tracy.
Died of wounds—Jack Schneider.
Died of disease—Earl Bealls, Marvin Hilliard, Robert Irvine, Harry Magnus, Cecil Meyers and Stanley Whitall.

Died of accident—John Kessler.
A large number of school patrons attended the service, including relatives of a number of the heroes.

MISSOURI RETAIL HARDWARE MEN MEET

St. Joseph was host for three days of this week—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, to the Missouri Retail Hardware Association made up of several hundred merchants of the state. The meeting closed with a grand banquet at the Robidoux Thursday night. The officers elected are: W. A. Denny, New Hampton, president; A. Hoffman, Sedalia, vice-president; G. M. Rine, St. Louis, treasurer. George F. Leaper, St. Joseph; D. E. Smith, Joplin; J. F. Parrish, Hamilton; G. A. Paul, St. Louis, and J. H. Dieckbrader, Washington, were elected directors. The advisory board was named as follows: W. C. Cole, Bethany; J. M. Campbell, Bowling Green; F. C. Thorpe, Versailles.

YOUNG BENSON GETS THREE YEARS

Roland Benson the nineteen-year-old young man who with Everett Bennett of Council Bluffs, lay in wait for William H. Capp and wife in Florence addition last December and in an attempt to rob them young Benson lost his life, was before Judge Uta Wednesday morning. He entered a plea of guilty to attempted highway robbery and Judge Uta gave him three years in the pen. It was learned that Benson had no weapon on the night of the shooting affray, and that all of the shots fired on the part of the bandits were by Bennett. This fact made Benson's sentence light.

POTATOES ARE OUT OF SIGHT

The lonely "spud" is now at the top of the heap in price, retailing here this week as high as one dollar a peck. There is little relief in sight until the new crop comes in.

NEVER WAS A QUESTION

But That Capt. Milligan Would Be Elected Over Frost in the Third District.

After a spectacular one sided fight, which however attracted the attention of the whole United States, and focussed the gaze of the political world on the Third district, Capt. Milligan the Democratic nominee to succeed Hon. J. W. Alexander as congressman from that district was on Saturday elected by a majority of 1899, and will take his seat as soon as he can secure his certificate and go on to Washington, where Congress is in session.

The election was spectacular in view of the fact that the Republicans at the very outset injected the question of the League of Nations into the campaign—when it was entirely unnecessary as the House of Representatives has nothing to do with its ratification—and as a result the Democrats were obliged to defend that issue, which they did so satisfactorily that despite the fact that Willie Hays of the national committee sent his men and his dollars there in reckless profusion, neither could make an impression and Milligan won with ease.

The fact is now thoroughly patent that the people are for the League of Nations, as many patriotic republicans in that district voted for it, despite the fact they took their political life in their hands when they did so. So pronounced and prominent was the contest that at its close national chairman Cummings of the Democratic committee issued the following statement:

"Advocates of prompt ratification of the treaty have been partitioned and destructionists have been dismayed by the triumphant election to congress Saturday in the Third Missouri district of Capt. Jacob L. Milligan, the Democratic nominee."

"A clear cut issue over the league of nations was presented."

"The question was thoroughly debated in a campaign extending over several weeks. The result is unmistakable. Aside from the gratifying endorsement of the president's position, the election held in a typically Mid-Western agricultural section disclosed that the people are thoroughly dissatisfied with the present leadership of the Republican organization and are preparing to return to full power in the nation the party that during the last seven years has so completely demonstrated its constructive ability. It has been a hard struggle, but the tide has turned."

DYSON IS SHOT TO DEATH

A Burlington Special Officer Is Killed in a Pistol Duel Thursday Morning.

As a result of straight shooting from a revolver in the hands of Clay (Kit) Carson at 8 o'clock Thursday morning, Thomas C. Dyson, a special officer who had been employed by the Burlington road, is dead and Mrs. Nora Toubier, his housekeeper, was badly hurt by being bruised and cut by glass and a fall from a window fifteen feet above the ground, to which she fell when Carson was putting well directed shot into the body of Dyson.

At the hour above mentioned W. B. Stanton, who operates a garage at 2027 St. Joseph Avenue, directly opposite the house in which the shooting occurred, heard the screams of a woman and next saw her body crash through a window and then hurtle to the ground. With some other men he rushed across and picking up the frantic woman carried her to a house close by and sent for physicians who sent her to a hospital. Then the party entered the house and found Dyson lying on the floor in a dying condition. Near him was a revolver with two empty chambers.

When Mrs. Toubier was calmed, she said that at 8 o'clock Carson rapped at the door, and knowing that he was jealous of her, she ran into Dyson's room and awakened him. The latter grasped a pistol and the next she knew the shooting began. When it ended Carson had disappeared and Dyson was so badly wounded that he died shortly after. To escape Carson, Mrs. Toubier jumped from the window.

The bullet which killed Dyson struck him in the left breast and ranged upward into the neck. Dyson was 42 years of age and was a widower. Mrs. Toubier is 30 years of age, and a divorced woman.

On Friday morning Carson surrendered himself to Sheriff Isaacson.

Miss Ella Catherine Flanagan and Mr. Frederick Henry Fisher, prominent young people of the Easton neighborhood, were married at Easton Sunday.

ORGANIZED LABOR TO TAKE AN ACTIVE PART

In the Primary And in the Election That Will Occur This Year.

AND MAKE ITS GREAT INFLUENCE FELT

The First Step Has Been Taken in the Hearty Endorsement and Approval of the Labor Interests of the Candidate of Senator Mark A. McGurder of Sedalia for the Important Position of Attorney General of Missouri And Is Given in Generous Appreciation of His Efforts in the Legislative Halls of This State in Behalf of the Toller.

JEFFERSON CITY, MO., Feb. 19.—(Special Correspondence.)—That organized labor of Missouri is fully determined to take an active part in the future in state politics and strongly support and urge the election of such candidates for state offices, regardless of party affiliations, who are positively known to either stand for the welfare of the toiling masses, or have through actual performances in the past shown that they are friendly to the cause, is indicated by a printed circular letter, carrying the date of February 9, 1920, addressed "To all Central Bodies, Councils and Labor Unions of Missouri," bearing a facsimile of the seal of the state body, and the names of George R. Patterson of St. Louis as acting President and Frank W. Brand of St. Joseph as Secretary, approving and heartily endorsing the candidacy of State Senator Mark A. McGurder of Sedalia for the next Attorney-General of Missouri.

This endorsement is construed to mean that organized labor of Missouri will use all honorable means to bring about his nomination to that place on the democratic ticket at the August primary, and, finally, his election next November. As democratic floor leader of the last Senate, Senator McGurder steered to the passage point the present workman's compensation law which has been generally accepted by the State Federation of Labor as being much needed legislation. As other democratic or republican candidates for state honors who have been friendly to organized labor of Missouri in the past, officially announce each will receive a similar endorsement, regardless of partisan alignments.

A Strength of 125,000

The strength of organized labor in Missouri is placed at 125,000, with all in touch directly, or in close harmony, with the state-wide body of which Patterson, who is really the first Vice-President and who lives at 4157 Junata street, St. Louis is acting as President in place of President R. T. Wood of Springfield, who is away on a leave of absence, looking after labor matters in Washington, D. C.

Included in this membership are 20,000 tolling women of Missouri who will, at least, next November be able to vote for President and Vice-President of the United States. If not the entire state ticket. At the last national convention of the American Federation of Labor last July at Atlantic City, a gathering which then represented 3,269,068 working men and women of the country, a membership which has now swollen to approximately 3,269,068, a new political policy was adopted. It was then decided that in the future at all elections friends would be rewarded through assisting to elect to public office only men who have proven themselves to be true friends of organized labor.

State Senator McGurder is fortunate enough to be the first Missourian aspiring to public office, classed as a man who has proven himself in the past to have been "a true friend of organized labor of Missouri," and hence the endorsement of his candidacy.

Approves Workmen's Compensation
The Missouri State Federation of Labor circular calls attention, in the beginning, to the large victory for organized labor of the state through the findings and decision of Special Master in Chancery A. T. Dunn of Jefferson City in the workmen's compensation referendum contention which permanently enjoins state officials from submitting the measure to a state-wide vote at the next election. It is further stated that the grounds of the Dunn decision were: "that the referendum petition is not legally sufficient."

JACKSON IN TROUBLE AT DES MOINES
O. P. Jackson, an adjutant in the Salvation Army is in serious trouble at Des Moines, over Mrs. Walker Watson, a young woman of this city. The couple were arrested at that place Friday and taken before a federal commissioner, who held Jackson to the federal grand jury on the charge of violating the Mann act. The girl was held as a witness against him. He is charged with having transported her from this city to Des Moines for unlawful purposes.

SHOT OVER A WOMAN

Charles T. Weist Is Shot By His Half Brother at His Home Near Weatherby

With his face badly swollen and discolored, and with a charge of bird shot lodged in various parts of his face, Charles T. Weist of near Weatherby, was brought to a local hospital at an early hour Tuesday morning and placed in charge of physicians who worked for some time in getting the leaden pellets out of his physiology. His situation when brought in was so serious, that the prosecuting attorney of DeKalb county caused an ante-mortem statement to be taken.

In his statement Weist, who also is known as Timber Trautman, claimed that while he was in bed at the home of his half brother R. L. Smith, three and a half miles east of Weatherby Monday night, his half brother Smith, stepped into the room and fired the charge of shot into his face. He stated further that while there he had met a Kansas City woman whom he had persuaded to go to Montana with him where he resides and take up a homestead. These facts he said caused trouble between himself and his half brother and the shooting resulted.

The half brother Smith was arrested and taken to the Gallatin jail. He stated that some time during the night a robber made his way into the house, stole several hundred dollars belonging to Smith that was hidden there, and finally shot Weist, who heard him moving about the house. The half brother mistook the robber for Smith, is the claim of the latter. After being shot Weist walked half a mile to a neighbors and gave the alarm.

SOME WERE FOR, BUT MORE AGAINST MAYS

The School Board Resolves Itself Into a Virile Debating Society

AND AFTER HOURS OF ORATORY DID NOTHING

In One of the Liveliest Sessions Ever Known in the History of School Matters in St. Joseph Superintendent Mays' Friends Fail to Carry Their Point and the Whole Matter Will Have to be Thrashed Out Again Monday Night Unless Something Happens.

While it did not reach the fistfight stage, yet it was almost there—and words—but ones that stizzled—took the place of the sterner slug handlers. No—this is not the report of a prize fight, or of a wrestling match. It is but a brief recap of a part of what transpired at a public session of the school board held Wednesday night at the Robidoux school auditorium, the school board quarters being entirely inadequate to accommodate one fourth part of the great crowd which either wanted to participate in or listen to the proceedings incident to the attempt to re-elect Vernon G. Mays superintendent of the St. Joseph public schools before his term had expired and before the board which will be changed in part at the next city election had taken up the duties incidental thereto. Messrs. Dolman, Mitchell and Ballard were for the electing of Mays at this time. Messrs. Fulkerson, Tooley and Alchison were against it—and there you are—and there the board is—and will be until next Monday night, at which time there will be another hitch of the factions—if something does not happen in the interim.

The anti-administration forces were led by Mrs. Lucien J. Eastin, Mrs. C. T. Schreiber and Mrs. Jessie I. Roberts, patrons of Jackson School, constituting a delegation from the anti-Mays meeting held at the Y. W. C. A. Tuesday night, supported by forty-one teachers, four of whom are

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GOV. GARDNER HAS A SOLDIER RELIEF PLAN

He Does Not Favor the Cash Bonus System for the Ex-Service Men

BUT THINKS HE HAS A BETTER PROPOSITION

Instead of the Bonus Plan the Governor Proposes to Raise a Fund of Five Million Dollars to be Placed in the Hands of a Board Made Up of Former Service Men Who Will Look After Its Distribution Among Needy Men and Relatives.

When Gov. Gardner was in St. Joseph on Wednesday and Thursday of last week he held a number of conferences with prominent ex-service men here notably Col. MacDonald, Capt. Innis, Ray Calkins, and others relative to a plan which he has formulated looking to the relief of needy ex-soldiers and sailors of the great war, which he proposes to put into effect through the establishment of a large soldiers' and sailors' relief fund. So favorably did the St. Joseph men regard the plan that the governor has formulated, that he mentioned it in his speeches made in behalf of Capt. Milligan in the Third district on Thursday and Friday.

In detailing his proposition the governor stated that he planned to save 12 million dollars before the first of next year with which to create a permanent fund for the relief of soldiers and sailors or their beneficiaries if in need. In his farewell address the governor expects to request the state legislature to set aside a like fund for nine years, making the aggregate of the fund for relief work 24 million dollars. His plan provides that a board of ex-service men be appointed to administer the relief fund and accredit interest.

Would Loan to Needy Men

"The money would be loaned to ex-service men in need of monetary aid," the governor explained, "it might be used to start them in agricultural or commercial pursuits. In instances where circumstances warranted it, gifts would be made to the needy former service man or his survivors. The control of the money would be invested in a board comprised of ex-soldiers or sailors."

Governor Gardner advocated the relief fund plan in preference to the bonus system in other states. He expressed the opinion that, if a bonus of \$100 were distributed promiscuously to the ex-service men of the state 80 per cent of the recipients would not put it to good use. According to the relief fund plan, however, the men will receive aid when the need for financial assistance is imperative.

A Poverty Preventive

"I think," the governor said, "that the ex-service men of the state who do not need the money would be glad to relinquish their part of any bonus that might be paid generally in order to permit the establishment of a relief fund that would make poverty an impossibility to any of their less fortunate comrades and their widows and children both now and in the future."

Governor Gardner said he had not previously made public his plan for the foundation of the relief fund, but after going over the matter with the St. Joseph ex-service men and with some of the others in other parts of the state where he had recently visited, he was more than satisfied with the result of his inquiries and made public his proposition at the reminder of the meetings held in the Third district.

THE GOPS MAY HAVE A DIRECT PRIMARY

Ex-Mayor Marshall and all right thinking republicans want a direct primary to determine the nominees for the city ticket, and it now looks as though that method would prevail. The ex-mayor knows that if he can have a direct primary he will sweep the platter clean. The city committee will meet in a short time to settle the question.

ARE SORE ABOUT THE PEST HOUSE

Complaints were made to the board of health at its meeting Monday night, relative to conditions at the city pest house, which since the smallpox epidemic have been far from ideal. Health Officer Dehamater complains that there are not sufficient funds available to keep the institution up to the standard that should be the case.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET

The Call for the State Committee Is Issued by Chairman Ben M. Neale.

Chairman Ben M. Neale of the State Democratic Committee has through Secretary J. L. Shepherd sent out the call for the state convention to be held at Joplin Thursday April 22, at which time the delegates will get together for the purpose of nominating candidates for presidential electors, selecting delegates and alternates to the Democratic National Convention and to elect a member of the Democratic National Committee.

Each county outside of Jackson County; each ward in the City of Kansas City; and each township in Jackson County outside of the City of Kansas City; and each ward in the City of St. Louis, shall be entitled to one delegate for each 250 votes cast in such county or ward, for the Democratic presidential ticket in 1916, as reported in the Missouri Blue Book for 1917-1918, or major fraction over 150 thereof; Provided, that as nearly as may be each county, ward or township entitled to such representation in the state convention, shall provide for equal number fixed in the roll of counties or wards attached hereto; and, Provided, further, that no county or ward shall be entitled to less than two delegates.

The county committee of each county shall call conventions for the purpose of selecting delegates to the convention. The representation from the counties of this congressional district, will be Atchison 7; Andrew 7; Buchanan 4; Holt 6; Nodaway 12 and Platte 12.

MORE FOUR-FLUSHING

The Republican End of the County Court Takes a Day Off and Finds a Marc's Nest.

"Well, really—we almost found something," was the gleeful remark of the two Republican members of the county court to each other Tuesday as they poked each other in the ribs.

And they really thought in their blunder state of self complacency, that they had, when it was "discovered" that County Auditor William H. Campbell had "not reported" to them that Constable Walter S. Patton had failed to turn in \$439.50 in fees which he owed to the county—but which are now in the treasurer's hands—but all of the joy went missing out when the Republican end of the county court was confronted with a comical letter which Auditor Campbell had sent them that morning and through the receipt of which letter they had made the "great discovery."

The letter showed conclusively that on a previous occasion Auditor Campbell had submitted to the court a statement of the amount that Constable Patton was indebted to the county on fees (which Patton supposed he could hold until he settled with the county, which was indebted to him) and that the request on Monday made of him (Campbell) was for an itemized statement, which he at once furnished. It further showed that the court had full cognizance of the situation all of the time, and effectually disposed of the "great discovery" made by the GOP end of the court—for political purposes only.

FARMERS WANT TO HAVE A VOICE

S. S. Connett, president of the Buchanan County Farm Bureau, has just sent out a letter to the farmers in which they are told that it is time that they had a voice in the fixing of prices of their products, and telling them how to acquire that voice. A big membership drive will be put on the week of March 1st and next week a corps of speakers will tour the county telling the farmers the advantage of co-operation.

Frank Alumbaugh, a former St. Joseph post office clerk, who had associated with him Glen Curtis and W. C. Elder, the latter also a former post office clerk, have made good on a doughnut making machine which Alumbaugh patented. They have sold the patent to the Calumet Baking Powder Co., the consideration being \$15,000 cash and \$15,000 in royalties. Alumbaugh is now a cornetist in Hugh McNutt's band.

A movement is on foot among the fishermen—the real ones—of this city looking to the forcing of the state and local game warden to take cognizance of the continued fishing that is going on at Sugar Lake and the other lakes in this vicinity. These lakes now that the ice is out and the snow down, are being scoured almost to the bottom—and the game warden are the standard that should be the case.